

Gentlemen:

We in the US pride ourselves that we have freedom of speech. However, we do not allow someone to shout "FIRE!" in a crowded theater when there is no fire. Likewise, partisan political activity is not allowed on the public airways during election campaigns when it is presented as "news".

SBG's decision to require its stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election constitutes a partisan advertisement for one candidate. While Sinclair calls the documentary "news," it is clearly slanted heavily toward one political candidate. The timing of this decision is clearly calculated to impact the election. Please protect the public interest by requiring SBG either to (a) wait to air the advertisement after the election, or (b) provide the Kerry campaign with equal time in an equally appealing time slot (also without commercial breaks and before election day) to present material to balance the "Stolen Honor" political advertisement.
Thank you.